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STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE UNDER RULE 78(f)(2)

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Dear Sir:

The present application has a co-pending application with the same effective filing date, namely Application Serial No. 11/350,480. The '480 Application is a Divisional of this Application based on a Restriction/Election Requirement by the Examiner. This case contains claims to the initially elected invention, and the '480 case contains claims directed to the non-elected invention. Therefore, this case is entitled to five independent claims, and 25 dependent claims. Since this case has only four claims, namely independent claims 31, 32, 33, and 34, and the claims of the '480 application are by definition patentably distinct from these claims, the case is in compliance with Rule 78(f)(2).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 23-0035.

Respectfully submitted,



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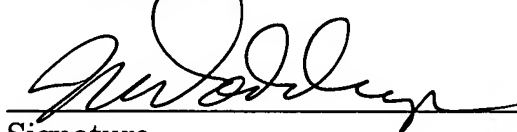
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